

I claim:

1. An improved dental prostheses comprising:
 - an implant abutment affixed at a lower end to a dental implant,
 - said implant abutment having an implant abutment axis;
 - a groove in said implant abutment extending substantially transverse to said axis
 - and O-ring of elastomeric material stretched about said implant abutment and elastically retained in said groove, said O-ring having a cross-sectional diameter substantially greater than the depth of said groove such that an outer portion of said ring projects from said axial implant abutment surface; and
 - an appliance having a retainer cavity including a retainer surface closely telescopically matable onto said axial implant abutment surface, there being a complementary groove in said retainer surface shaped to closely match and receive said outer portion of the O-ring, said O-ring thus making a resilient retentive fit between said prosthesis and said implant abutment.
2. The prosthesis of claim 1 wherein said implant abutment includes a tapered surface for guiding engagement with said retainer cavity of said appliance.
3. The prosthesis of claim 2 wherein said implant abutment is threadedly connected to said implant.
4. The prosthesis of claim 3 wherein said implant abutment is formed from metal.
5. The prosthesis of claim 4 wherein said appliance is formed from metal, either processed into a denture, partial denture, a splinted bar.

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6. The prosthesis of claim 5 wherein said appliance is formed from porcelain fused to metal.
7. An implant dental prosthesis comprising:
an implant abutment affixed at a lower end to a dental implant,
said implant abutment having an implant abutment axis, and an appliance having
a hollow retainer cavity with an outwardly and downwardly taper relative to said
implant abutment axis forming a retainer surface telescopically mateable on and upwardly and
inwardly extending facing tapered surface on said axial implant abutment.
8. The prosthesis of claim 7 wherein said tapered surfaces are in frictional
engagement.
9. The prosthesis of claim 8 wherein said retentive element between said mating
tapered surfaces.
10. The prosthesis of claim 9 where said retentive element is in a plane generally
transverse to the axis of said implant abutment.
11. The prosthesis of claim 10 wherein said retentive element is an O-ring in
complementary grooves in said tapered surfaces.